

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Red Oak
Quercus rubra

This deciduous tree is a native to the Eastern United States and is found in woods and mountains in the south of its region. The leaves are elliptic, to 8 inches, with slender-toothed lobes, matte dark green and smooth above. The bark is gray and smooth, becoming deeply furrowed. The acorn grows to be 1 1/4 inches long, one-quarter enclosed in a shallow cap. The Red Oak, or Northern Red Oak, grows to 80 feet tall.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

It must be a dry year in Washington if people are hoping for rain in February! With the dry winter, start thinking about planting trees that have some drought resistance this spring. And speaking of tree planting, now is the time to start planning your Arbor Day events! If you would like some assistance or ideas, call us at 1-800-523-8733. -Sarah

Tree Line USA Awards

The Urban and Community Forestry Program is pleased to recognize five utilities for their efforts in receiving the Tree Line USA Award! Puget Sound Energy is receiving the award for the first time. Benton PUD and Clark County PUD are receiving the award for the second year. This is the third year as Tree Line USA award recipients for Chelan County PUD and Peninsula Light Company. The National Arbor Day Foundation founded this award to recognize utilities for national leadership in utility arboriculture while meeting service objectives. Applying utilities are required to meet three criteria: formally adopt quality tree care practices, document annual worker training, and carry out tree planting and public education activities. For more information on Tree Line USA, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Urban Forestry Grants Available for 2001

Washington's Urban and Community Forestry Program is excited to announce the availability of approximately \$100,000 for community forestry projects. The maximum amount to be requested for any project is \$10,000. All grant dollars must be matched on a one-to-one basis with hard dollars or in-kind contributions. Eligible grantees include, but are not limited to, municipalities of any size, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and educational institutions. The final application is due March 8, by 4:30 p.m. Applications are available by contacting the Urban and Community Forestry Program at 1-800-523-8733. Applications are also available electronically as a Word 97 document. Send a request to urban_forestry@wadnr.gov to receive an application in this format.

Northwest Flower and Garden Show

For those of you with the midwinter blues, the Northwest Flower and Garden Show is for you! Held at the Washington State Trade and Convention Center in Seattle, February 7-11, this show features numerous display gardens, booths, free seminars and demonstrations, and is a great opportunity to see the latest in tree and plant materials. For more information, including the complete show schedule, ticket prices, advanced ticket purchase options, and other information, please contact the Northwest Flower and Garden Show office at (206) 789-5333, 1-800-229-6311 or visit them on the web at www.gardenshow.com/nw.

How to Adopt a Stream

The Adopt-a-Stream Foundation (AASF) is hosting a workshop on How to Adopt a Stream: Five Steps. This workshop will be on February 8, 2001, from 7-10 p.m. AASF director Tom Murdock will share 20+ years of experience and teach the steps to stream adoption. Learn *how & what* to investigate, find allies, establish long/short term goals, create an action plan, and become a streamkeeper. This multimedia event is geared for adults and mature youth. Tickets are available for \$8 for members/ \$10 for nonmembers. Advance ticket purchase is required, and tickets can be ordered by calling the Adopt-a-Stream Foundation at (425) 316-8592.

Oregon Community Trees Summit 2001

Oregon Community Trees (OCT), the Oregon Department of Forestry, and the US Forest Service are hosting Summit 2001, in Corvallis, Oregon, on March 9. The focus will be how Urban and Community Forestry can meet the multiple challenges of salmon recovery, urban sprawl, and community livability. Many guest speakers will be on hand to discuss such topics as: Enhancing Liveability Through Community Trees - Oregon's Legacy, Phytoremediation-Trees as Bio-Filters for Reducing Pollution, Greening Neighborhoods- Planning and Designing for Air, Water, and Urban Forest Quality, Regional Ecosystem Analysis, and more. The registration fee is \$65 for OCT members, \$95 for nonmembers, and \$105 after March 6 (for all attendees). The fee includes instruction, handout materials, lunch and refreshments. For more information, contact the Conference Coordinator, College of Forestry, Oregon State University, at (541) 737-2329 or e-mail at outreach@for.orst.edu. Materials are also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline.

In the works (continued)

"Take care of the land and the land
will take care of you."

-Hugh H. Bennett

TRIVIA: Every minute an area of rain forest
the size of ____ city blocks is burned.

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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Free Trees for Seattle Streets

The Department of Neighborhoods' Tree Fund will make free trees available to Seattle neighborhood groups for spring planting projects on planting strips of residential streets. Applications for trees must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2001. To request an application or to get more information, contact Shireen Deboo at (206) 684-0547 or Laurie Ames at (206) 684-0320, or at cityofseattle.net/don.

Poster Contest Entries Due

2001 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster contest entries need to be to the Department of Natural Resources by March 13, 2001, to be eligible for the state competition. This year's theme is "Trees Are Terrific...and forests are too!". We have a curriculum packet for loan from the National Arbor Day Foundation to aid in planning your school's Arbor Day Events. Poster contest packets and other information are available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

2001 ArborLeaf Available

The 2001 *ArborLeaf*, produced by the Washington Arbor Day Council (WADC), is now available. This popular publication includes Arbor Day celebration information and ideas. This issue also features information on the "Trees for the 21st Century" Contest. This contest is open to K-12 students and has a variety of categories designed to fit every students strengths. Inside the *ArborLeaf*, you will also find a form for ordering seedlings for as low as \$9.50 per bundle of 20. To receive *ArborLeaf* and order forms, visit the WADC website at www.wa.gov/dnr/arbor or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

America's National Tree

For the first time you can help select a national symbol...the people's choice for America's National Tree. America has the grandest trees on Earth. Our trees are a vital part of our heritage and our future. Now you can join the American public in selecting a single tree that best represents all of our beautiful trees, and our natural heritage. Cast your vote at www.arborday.org or write your selection on a 3 x 5" card and send it to the National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 1, 2001. The final results of this historic vote will be announced on National Arbor Day, April 27, 2001.

Restoring the Urban Forest Ecosystem. The University of Florida created this CD-ROM. It was edited by Mary L. Duryea, Eliana Kampf, and Lawrence V. Korhank, and has a variety of information on how to restore urban ecosystems. Copies are available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733. Supplies are limited.

February

- 1 Grant Writing Workshop, Mount Vernon. Contact the U&CF program at 1-800-523-TREE.
- 1-2 Inland Northwest Turf, Tree & Landscape Conference. Contact WSU at 1-800-942-4978.
- 6-8 Trees and Utilities Conference. Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact NADF at 1-888-448-7337.
- 7-11 Northwest Flower and Garden Show, Seattle. Visit www.gardenshow.com/nw for information.
- 8-10 Oregon Landscape Contractors Association (OLCA) Conference, Beach, Oregon. Contact OLCA at (503) 253-9091 or 1-800-505-8105 for more information or registration materials.
- 14 Washington Community Forestry Council meeting in Seattle. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.

March

- 6-8 Social Issues and the Environment. Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact NADF at 1-888-448-7337.
- 8 2001 Community Forestry Assistance Grants due to the U&CF program by 4:30 p.m. Call the TreeLink Hotline for information
- 13 2001 5th Grade Poster Contest entries due. Call 1-800-523-TREE for details
- 26-28 Building with Trees National Conference. Contact NADF at 1-888-448-7337.